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Referred to Committee on Education

Introduced by: (ED)

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AN ACT CONCERNING GIFTED AND TALENTED STUDENTS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- Section 1. Subsection (b) of section 10-76g of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July* 1, 2007):
- special education pursuant to the provisions of sections 10-76a to 10-76g, inclusive, for any exceptional child described in subparagraph (A) of subdivision (5) of section 10-76a, under its jurisdiction, excluding [(1)] (A) children placed by a state agency for whom a board of

(b) (1) Any local or regional board of education which provides

- 9 education receives payment pursuant to the provisions of subdivision
- 10 (2) of subsection (e) of section 10-76d, and [(2)] (B) children who
- 11 require special education, who reside on state-owned or leased
- 12 property or in permanent family residences, as defined in section 17a-
- 13 154, and who are not the educational responsibility of the unified
- school districts established pursuant to sections 17a-37, 17a-240 and 18-
- 15 99a, shall be financially responsible for the reasonable costs of special
- 16 education instruction, as defined in the regulations of the State Board
- of Education, in an amount equal to [(A)] (i) for any fiscal year

commencing prior to July 1, 2005, five times the average per pupil 18 19 educational costs of such board of education for the prior fiscal year, 20 determined in accordance with the provisions of subsection (a) of 21 section 10-76f, and [(B)] (ii) for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2005, 22 and each fiscal year thereafter, four and one-half times such average 23 per pupil educational costs of such board of education. The State Board 24 of Education shall pay on a current basis any costs in excess of the local 25 or regional board's basic contribution paid by such board in 26 accordance with the provisions of this [subsection] <u>subdivision</u>. Any 27 amounts paid by the State Board of Education on a current basis 28 pursuant to this [subsection] <u>subdivision</u> shall not be reimbursable in 29 the subsequent year. Application for such grant shall be made by filing 30 with the Department of Education, in such manner as prescribed by 31 the commissioner, annually on or before December first a statement of 32 the cost of providing special education pursuant to this [subsection] 33 subdivision, provided a board of education may submit, not later than 34 March first, claims for additional children or costs not included in the 35 December filing. Payment by the state for such excess costs shall be 36 made to the local or regional board of education as follows: Seventy-37 five per cent of the cost in February and the balance in May. The 38 amount due each town pursuant to the provisions of this [subsection] 39 <u>subdivision</u> shall be paid to the treasurer of each town entitled to such 40 aid, provided the treasurer shall treat such grant, or a portion of the 41 grant, which relates to special education expenditures incurred in 42 excess of such town's board of education budgeted estimate of such 43 expenditures, as a reduction in expenditures by crediting such 44 expenditure account, rather than town revenue. Such expenditure 45 account shall be so credited no later than thirty days after receipt by 46 the treasurer of necessary documentation from the board of education 47 indicating the amount of such special education expenditures incurred 48 in excess of such town's board of education budgeted estimate of such 49 expenditures.

50 (2) For the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2007, and for each fiscal year thereafter, any local or regional board of education that chooses to

52 provide special education pursuant to the provisions of sections 10-76a 53 to 10-76g, inclusive, for any exceptional child described in 54 subparagraph (B) of subdivision (5) of section 10-76a, under its 55 jurisdiction, shall be eligible for a grant for the reasonable costs of special education instruction, as defined in the regulations of the State 56 57 Board of Education, provided to such child in an amount equal to, 58 fifteen per cent of the costs up to and including two and one-half times 59 the average per pupil educational costs of such board of education for the prior fiscal year, determined in accordance with the provisions of 60 61 subsection (a) of section 10-76f. The State Board of Education shall pay 62 the grant amount to such board of education for the prior fiscal year. 63 Application for such grant shall be made by filing with the Department of Education, in such manner as prescribed by the commissioner, 64 65 annually on or before December first a statement of the cost of 66 providing special education pursuant to this subdivision. Payment by 67 the state for such costs shall be made to the local or regional board of education as follows: Seventy-five per cent of the cost in February and 68 69 the balance in May.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following		
sections:		
Section 1	July 1, 2007	10-76g(b)

Statement of Purpose:

To provide for a grant for special education provided to gifted and talented students.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]